Price of Human Fibrinogen etc.

2109. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Human Fibrinogen, Human Normal Immulogicbulin, Anti-Rho Imune Globulin (Human) are available at very high prices;

(b) if so, what is the price fixed for each under Drugs Price Control Order 1979 and at what price each is available;

(c) the names of the companies who are marketing these products;

(d) whether it is a fact that Diaguostic Reagents and Human Blood preparations are covered under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979.

(e) if so, what price was fixed for Blood Plasma, CRP Test Kit, R.A. Test KIT, SGOT and SGPT Test Kits alongwith the pack size of each;

(f) whether it is also a fact that these products are available at very high prices; and

(g) if so, what steps his Ministry has taken to make them available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The prices of the products referred to have not been fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(c) Some of the Companies involved in the manufacture/marketing of the products referred to are Bharat Serum, Haffkin, Curewell, etc.

(d) Diagonostic reagents are not price controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Seras and vaccines including plasma expanders and transfusion solutions are, however, price controlled.

(e) to (g) The prices of the kits referred to are not controlled under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

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2110. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 716 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1986 and state:

(a) the reasons for which Government have not formed Telephone Corporations in case of Madras and Calcutta; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise capital through bonds for establishing Telephone Corporations; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Corporate structure for Telecommunication field units being a new idea, it was initially to be tried in a limited way. Bombay and Delhi systems were chosen for this. Madras and Calcutta and other areas can be considered after the results of the Corporation for Bombay/Delhi are assessed.

(b) No, Sir.

Payment to extra-departmental employees

2111. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the Government have allowed attractive commissions to the licensed postal agents for the sale of stamp